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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: WALDHEIM CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT
OF DNEPROVSKY

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1. MISOFF OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH USYG DAVIDSON
SHORTLY AFTER NOON AUGUST 8 TO INQUIRE ABOUT REUTERS
REPORT THAT DIRECTOR UN GENEVA OFFICE COTTAFAUI HAD
STATED AUGUST 7 UN STILL WANTS DNEPROVSKY FOR CHIEF
OF ITS GENEVA PERSONNEL OFFICE.

2. DAVIDSON SAID UNSYG WALDHEIM EARLY LAST WEEK
CONFIRMED DNEPROVSKY'S APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR UN
PERSONNEL GENEVA. DAVIDSON SAID WALDHEIM ACTED
AFTER AWAITING REPLIES FROM UK AND US FOR
TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE ACCUSATIONS OF KGB MEMBERSHIP
WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST DNEPROVSKY. UN HAD
HEARD NOTHING FROM US, AND UK AMBASSADOR MURRAY (GENEVA)
HAD GIVEN DAVIDSON A PEEK AT INSTRUCTIONS FROM FCO WHICH
STATED ONLY THAT HMG HAD INFORMATION WHICH IN ITS VIEW
SUBSTANTIATED ACCUSATIONS. HMG TRUSTED SYG WOULD
REALIZE WHY IT COULD NOT ELABORATE. DAVIDSON SAID
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APPOINTMENT COULD NOT BE WITHHELD ON BASIS SUCH
REPRESENTATIONS.

3. DAVIDSON REHEARSED ALL THE ARGUMENTS HE USED
PREVIOUSLY TO JUSTIFY APPOINTMENT. DNEPROVSKY WAS
UN'S BEST PERSONNEL OFFICER. HE HAD SERVED ORGANIZATION
NINE YEARS.HIS RECORD OF PERFORMANCE WAS WITHOUT

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BLEMISH. HE HAD COMMITTED NO IMPROPRIETIES. HE WAS QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION. ON THE BASIS OF HIS PERFORMANCE, HE DESERVED A PROMOTION. IN GENEVA HE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO ONLY 3,OOO PERSONNEL FILES, AS AGAINST 1O,OOO TO WHICH HIS PRESENT POSITION GIVES HIM ACCESS. DAVIDSON ENDED BY STATING THAT ALLEGATIONS OF KGB AFFILIATION HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST SEVERAL OTHER SOVIET NATIONALS, SOME IN POSITIONS AT LEAST, IF NOT MORE, SENSITIVE THAN THE GENEVA PERSONNEL POSITION. US HAD NOT PROTESTED SUCH APPOINTMENTS AND HAD ACTED AGAINST SOVIET NATIONAL OF UN ONLY WHEN THEY WERE DEMONSTRABLY IMPLICATED IN ACTUAL ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

4. DAVIDSON SAID UN AUGUST 2 RENEWED ITS REQUEST FOR VISA FOR DNEPROVSKY TO SWISS AUTHORITIES. UNDER UN AGREEMENT WITH SWISS, VISA MAY BE DENIED ONLY IF GOVERNMENT FINDS NATIONAL SECURITY OF SWITZERLAND WOULD BE ENDANGERED WERE IT GRANTED, DAVIDSON SAID. HE THINKS SWISS COULD NOT CREDIBLY SUPPORT DENIAL, AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ONE.

5. MISOFF INQUIRED ABOUT NATIONALITY OF DNEPROVSKY'S REPLACEMENT IN NEW YORK. DAVIDSON REPLIED IN FIRMEST TONES THAT HE HAD OBTAINED CATEGORICAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM SYG TO GHERAB AND OTHERS CONCERNED
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THAT POSITION WAS NOT TO BE RETAINED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOVIET CANDIDATE. HE SAID SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP HAD ADVISED THAT SMUN HAD SOME IDEAS ABOUT SUCCESSOR TO THIS "SOVIET POSITION." DAVIDSON HAD REPLIED THAT IF SOVIETS CONSIDERED DNEPROVSKY'S PRESENT SLOT A SOVIET POSITION, IT NOW WAS OCCUPIED BY A SOVIET NATIONAL AND SOMEONE ELSE COULD BE SENT TO THE GENEVA POST. MAKEYEV HAD REPLIED THAT THIS WAS "NOT WHAT HE HAD MEANT." DAVIDSON DID NOT OTHERWISE INDICATE SECRETARIAT'S INTENTIONS REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF DNEPROVSKY IN NEW YORK.
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